



What's New in the City

City of Natchitoches

Cane River Zydeco Festival & Poker Run Labor Day Weekend September 4 - 5

September 1, 2015

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16th Annual Cane River ZYDECO FESTIVAL & POKER RUN
FOOD & BEVERAGE VENDORS
FOOD, FUN & MUSIC

Schedule:
FRIDAY
6:00 PM D. J. Doc Couty
9:30 PM Poker Run Registration
9:30 PM Zydeco Dance Contest
SATURDAY
9:00 AM Poker Run Registration
11:30 AM Leaves Riverbank
1:00 PM Gates Open
4:00 PM D.J. Doc Couty
8:11:00 PM Koray Broussard
Marcus Ardoin

Ticket & Event Information:
Melvin Holmes 318/354-0899 or 318/332-7455
Harman Winters 318/471-6899
Ricky Jones 318/652-1500

Labor Day Weekend Natchitoches, LA
September 4-5, 2015
800-250-1714
Visit www.natchitoches.com

The Cane River Zydeco Festival began in 1999 by members of the Magnolia State Police Officers Association, Cane River Branch. The Magnolia State Police Officers Association is the state-wide organization that started the Trips for Trips program. They also help the community through other programs such as community service, drug-free schools, and more. They also help the community through other programs such as community service, drug-free schools, and more. They also help the community through other programs such as community service, drug-free schools, and more.

the 16th Annual Cane River Zydeco Festival & Poker Run, Labor Day weekend on the downtown riverbank.

Events kick-off Friday, September 4, at 6:00 p.m. with DJ Doc Couty, Poker Run registration and a Zydeco Dance Contest. Friday night events are free and open to the public.

Poker Run registration will also be held Saturday, September 5, on the downtown riverbank from 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

At 1:00 p.m., the gates for Saturday's entertainment will open. Admission to the

Zydeco Festival is \$7. DJ Doc Couty will begin the festivities. Koray Broussard will take the stage at 4:00 p.m., followed by Marcus Ardoin at 8:00 p.m.

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For ticket and event information, please contact Melvin Holmes at 318-332-7455 or 318-354-0899; Harman Winters at 318-471-6899; or Ricky Jones at 318-652-1500.

The Magnolia State Peace Officers Association will host

Did you know?

- The Miss Merry Christmas pageant will be held Sunday, September 13 at 5:00 p.m. at the Natchitoches Events Center. Admission is \$5.
- The 13th Annual Meat Pie Festival is scheduled for September 18 & 19 on the downtown riverbank. Event is free and open to the public.
- Deadline for Natchitoches Treasures Nominations is Friday, September 25. Please contact the Main Street office for more information.
- The Meat Pie Triathlon will be held on Sunday, September 27.
- Deadline for entry in the Natchitoches Christmas Angels Pageant is September 25. Contact Marilyn Mullikin at (318) 352-6894 for more information.

Wings Over Natchitoches Air Show September 12

Wings Over Natchitoches, Inc., a charitable corporation in cooperation with Natchitoches Regional Airport, invites you to attend "Wings Over Natchitoches" on Saturday, September 12th. This family friendly event will feature nationally recognized performers in the Best Southern Small Town in America according to USA Today.

"Wings Over Natchitoches" will take place on Saturday, September 12th at the Natchitoches Regional Airport located at 450 Wallenberg Drive. The gates will open at 10:30 a.m. and the Air Show will begin at 12:00 noon weather permitting.

The three-hour show will feature the Air Show Hall of Fame inductee AeroShell Aero-

WINGS OVER NATCHITOCHES
Air Show 2015
Featuring the AeroShell Aerobatic Team & Other Dazzling Acts!
Saturday, September 12th at Noon!
Free to the public
Natchitoches Regional Airport
Sponsors and Friends
Friday, September 11th at 6:00pm!
\$150 per couple
Dinner & Twilight Air Show
* Meet the Pilots
* Catered dinner by 'The Landing'
* AeroShell Team to perform Twilight Air Show at Sunset
For more info call (318) 352-6450 (toll-free)
www.wingsovernatchitoches.org

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Fall 2015 Bike Rides at Cane River Creole NHP

As part of the "Two Wheels Towards History: Discovering Historical Sites along the Cane River Heritage Trail" program, the park will be offering three bike rides for this fall.

Join Cane River Creole NHP on Saturday, October 17 at 9:00 a.m. at Magnolia Plantation for a ride to Monette's Ferry. Park Ranger Tim Van Cleave will present a program about the April 1864 Battle of Cloutierville and Monette's Ferry that took place on lower Cane River. This is a 20 mile (round trip) ride that includes a stop at Little Eva's Plantation Store.

On October 31 at 9:00 a.m. the bike ride will begin at Oakland Plantation and ride to the Maison de Marie Therese Museum. This is a new ride and Maison de Marie Therese Museum owner, Dr. Tom Albert, will explain the significance of Marie Therese's life and show participants around the property.

The final bike ride includes a visit to the historic Cherokee Plantation on Saturday, November 14 at 9:00 a.m. This ride will begin at Oakland Plantation. Tom Whitehead will be the host and will explain the historical significance and architectural features of one of the best preserved plantations on Cane River. Reservations are required for this ride.

Cane River Creole NHP provides bikes, helmets, safety vests, and water for all riders. For details or to make a reservation for the November 14 ride, contact Tim Van Cleave at (318) 356-8441.

To reach Oakland Plantation, take I-49 to Exit 127, Flora/Cypress. Head east on LA Highway 120 toward Cypress. Once you reach the LA Highway 1 intersection cross over LA Highway 1 onto LA Highway 494. The parking lot and entrance pavilion for Oakland are 4.5 miles east of Highway 1 on the left.

To reach the grounds of Magnolia Plantation, take I-49 to Exit 119, Derry. Head east on LA Highway 119. Cross over LA Highway 1 and proceed for two miles. The grounds of Magnolia Plantation are on the right. The main house at Magnolia is privately owned and not open to the public. For more information call (318) 356-8441 or visit www.nps.gov/cari/.

NSU Wesley Campus Ministry Offers Free Bike Share Program

Northwestern State University's Wesley Campus Ministry is partnering with local United Methodist Churches and Bike Natchitoches to create Louisiana's first free bike share program. The bike share is open to all Northwestern State and BPCC @ NSU students who are 18 and older.

Students are invited to visit Wesley Campus Ministry to borrow a bicycle for up to three days at no cost. The bike share is a viable option for students low on gas money, in need of exercise or looking for something fun to do, such as explore campus and the Natchitoches

Historic District on two wheels, according to Clair Loraine Carter, campus minister.

"I hope students will take advantage of this ministry because I think riding a bike is a great way to learn about a city," Carter said. "You really have to pay attention to what you're passing, which is not something drivers always do... A bike, and especially a free bike, is an economic choice that has the added benefit of a free work out and very little carbon footprint. Not to mention that you get premium parking."

Nominations for Natchitoches Treasures Now Being Accepted

The City of Natchitoches is seeking nominations for 2015 Natchitoches Treasures. The Natchitoches Treasures are an elite group of Natchitoches residents of retirement age who have made a lasting contribution to the community through their generosity, service, volunteerism and spirit.

Natchitoches Treasures have been selected each year since 2008. Natchitoches Treasures for the year 2014 included Mrs. Sharon Gahagan, Coach Leon Johnson, Mrs. Edwina Mudrick Lewis, Mr. Charles J. Roque, Dr. & Mrs. Randall Webb, and Mrs. Carol Wells.

Potential Natchitoches Treasures may be nominated by members of the Natchitoches community. Nomination forms are available at the Natchitoches Main Street Office located at 781 Front Street. Nominations must be submitted to the Main Street Office no later than Friday, September 25 at 4:30 p.m.

A ceremony honoring the 2015 Natchitoches Treasures will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at the Natchitoches Events Center.

For more information about Natchitoches Treasures, please contact the Natchitoches Main Street Office at (318) 352-2746.

Bayou Country Bloodsport Program at LASHOF

Jon Griffin Donlon will discuss his new book, *Bayou Country Bloodsport: The Culture of Cockfighting in Southern Louisiana*, on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum. Published by McFarland, *Bayou Country Bloodsport* uses a focus on cockfighting to probe the use of animals in sport and other closely related issues. The event is free and open to the public.



To get a bicycle, students visit the Wesley Campus Ministry, 520 University Parkway next to Magee's Patio Café, to fill out a liability waiver, sign a contract stating when they will return the bike and receive a briefing on local cycling laws and safety tips. Helmets are available for each bike the ministry shares.

For more information on the NSU Bike Share program and Wesley Campus Ministries, call (318) 352-2888, visit wesleysula.org or email Carter at nsu.wesley@gmail.com.

13th Annual Meat Pie Festival September 18 & 19

The 13th Annual Natchitoches Meat Pie Festival and 16th Annual Cane River Run will be held in downtown Natchitoches September 18 - 19, 2015. The annual festival sponsored by the Independent Motorcycle Rides of Natchitoches will feature "Lotta, Hotta Meat Pies, Music and More!"

The Meat Pie Festival helps celebrate the meat pie—one of the most famous food dishes in Natchitoches. The festival will include food, music, dancing, arts and crafts. Friday night festivities kick off at 2:30 p.m. with the KNWD NSU Night featuring live performances by Stoop Kids, Kopacetic, Bradford Seaton, T-Funk, GQP Band, and The Electric Sons. Come down, enjoy the music and support local talent from Northwestern State University!

On Saturday, the festival continues with the Lady C 5K fun run to support the Natchitoches Central High School Lady Chiefs Softball team and the 16th Annual Cane River Run. At 10:00 a.m., the festival opens with lots of entertainment, food and drinks, arts and crafts, kids games, and plenty of dancing along the banks of



Cane River Lake. Live musical performances by Jerad Bridges, Ambush, Billy O'Con and Geno Delafosse keep the festival going. At 10:00 p.m., festival goers can enjoy a free fireworks show over Cane River Lake!

Admission to the Meat Pie Festival is free and open to the public. Proceeds from the Meat Pie Festival will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of El Camino Real.

For more information on the Meat Pie Festival and Cane River Run, please contact the Natchitoches Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at (800) 259-1714 or visit www.meatpiefestival.com.

WWI Exhibit at CGHRC

Northwestern State University's Cammie G. Henry Research Center is hosting a semester-long exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of World War I. The collection includes uniforms, a gas mask, helmets, photographs, letters and manuscripts from soldier who served in the Great War, including area veterans Stephen Garrett Henry, Joseph C. Perot, Donald Post, Francis Reginald Prudhomme and John Tarver. The exhibit looks not only at war in Europe, but also the war effort and events happening at home, including the Spanish Flu epidemic and the American Red Cross.

The exhibit, which opened Aug. 1 and will run through December, combines artifacts on loan from Henry "Buddy" Maggio, as well as items from the Research Center's permanent collection.

Library Associate Nolan Eller created a digital photo album of images related to the Great War that rotate on a screen as well as a display of printed photos that enhance the place and purpose of the artifacts.

The Cammie G. Henry Research Center is located on the Third Floor of NSU's Eugene P. Watson Memorial Library. For more information, call (318) 357-4585 or email Eller at ellern@nsula.edu.

Wings Over Natchitoches (continued)

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batic Team. The AeroShell Team dazzles audiences in their AT-6 Texans and is renowned for professional airmanship, billowing smoke systems, and precise formation aerobatic maneuvers. Also, the Southern Heritage Air Museum will provide the P-51 Charlotte's Chariot flown by former Mississippi governor Dan Fordice. In addition, Kevin Coleman will exhibit extreme aerobatics in his Extra 300SHP. Colonel Dave Leedom will deliver excitement in his Aerotek Pitts S-2A biplane. Additional acts will provide a non-stop show rich in variety.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and plenty of sunscreen. An adult must accompany all children. Alcohol, ice chests, and pets are strictly prohibited. Admission and parking are free. Concessions and memorabilia will be available at the event.

A private Hangar Dinner and Twilight Air Show is open to sponsors and Friends of Wings Over Natchitoches on September 11th. The dinner will be catered by The Landing Restaurant with the event starting at 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Reservations will be taken through September 4th. Visit www.wingsovernatchitoches.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

Wings Over Natchitoches is a 501c3 charitable corporation that promotes aviation, aviation history, and careers in aviation through a cooperative relationship with the City of Natchitoches, private enterprise, and interested individuals. All funding is provided through donations by business and individuals. The organization welcomes the support and involvement of all those who have a passion for aviation. Visit www.wingsovernatchitoches.org for more information.

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Go Demons!



Meat Pie Triathlon September 27

The 13th Annual Meat Pie Triathlon is scheduled for Sunday, September 27, 2015 in downtown Natchitoches.

One of the state's largest triathlons, over 200 competitors ages 14 to 84 are expected to compete.

The Meat Pie Triathlon begins with a spectator-friendly 1/2 mile swim in Cane River Lake, followed by a 20 mile bike ride over light rolling terrain. The race will conclude with a 5K run through the Natchitoches Historic District finishing under the beautiful canopy of oaks along Cane River Lake.

The Louisiana Tri Club Challenge was created as a fun and challenging opportunity for state clubs to compete against one another, awarding points in such a fashion that every finisher



will make a difference. Awards will be presented to overall male and female competitors, overall Masters (40+) male and female competitors, and overall Grand Masters (50+) male and female competitors. Additional awards for age groups and relay teams will also be presented.

For more information on the Meat Pie Triathlon, visit www.sportspectrum.com.

Upcoming Holidays & Important Dates

Sept. 1: Planning & Zoning meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Sept. 3: NSU vs. Southeastern La (White Out Game), 6:00 p.m. at Turpin Stadium

Sept. 4: Employee Appreciation Day. City Offices Closed

Sept. 4 - 5: Cane River Zydeco Festival & Poker Run, Downtown Riverbank. \$7 Admission Saturday Only.

Sept. 7: Labor Day. City Offices Closed.

Sept. 8: Historic District Commission meeting, 5:00 p.m. at Natchitoches Arts Center

Sept. 12: Wings Over Natchitoches Air Show, 12:00 p.m. at Natchitoches Regional Airport. Free and open to the public.

Sept. 13: Miss Merry Christmas Pageant, 5:00 p.m. at Natchitoches Events Center. \$5 admission.

Sept. 14: City Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Sept. 15: Bayou County Bloodsport program, 6:00 p.m. at Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame & Northwest Louisiana History Museum. Free and open to the Public.

Sept. 17: Natchitoches Historic District Development Commission, 10:00 a.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center

Sept. 18 & 19: Natchitoches Meat Pie Festival and Cane River Run, Downtown Riverbank. Admission Free

Sept. 21: Natchitoches Airport Commission meeting, 5:00 p.m. at the Natchitoches Regional Airport

Sept. 21 - 25: APHN 3rd Grade Children's Tour, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Natchitoches Historic District

Sept. 26: NSU vs. Central Arkansas, 6:00 p.m. at Turpin Stadium

Sept. 27: Meat Pie Triathlon, Historic Downtown Natchitoches. 7:00 a.m. start time.

Sept. 28: City Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Natchitoches Arts Center